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1. RESPONSES TO DIA QUESTIONS CONCERNING LOGISTICAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOLLOW:

A. THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE SUFFICIENT OFFICE SPACE AS OF
LATE SEPT TO HANDLE IMMEDIATE NEEDS. WE HAVE IN MIND A
PORTION OF THE PRESENT SECOND FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE WHICH WOULD BE SECURE AND PROVIDE AMPLE WORKING
AND STORAGE SPACE FOR THE DAO AND NCO.

B. EMBASSY COULD ONLY PROVIDE MINIMAL FURNISHINGS,
NO ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS, BUT MANUAL MACHINES AND OFFICE
SUPPLIES. WE ANTICIPATE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN OFFICE
FURNITURE WHEN THE FIRST AID SHIPMENT ARRIVES.

C. EMBASSY CANNOT PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE. LOCAL
RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE AT DOLS 35.00 PER DAY WITH DRIVER.
MEDIUM SIZED FIAT SEDANS AVAILABLE ARE COMFORTABLE AND
SUITABLE FOR REPRESENTATION.

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2. HOUSING AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

A. EMBASSY HAS NUMBER OF TEMPORARY QUARTERS AVAIL-
ABLE. CURRENTLY THESE QUARTERS ARE UTILIZED ON AN
ALMOST 100 PERCENT BASIS BY TDY PERSONNEL. THE
CURRENT OCCUPANCY RATE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INTO
THE NEW YEAR. IF POST HAS ADEQUATE NOTIFICATION AS

TO ARRIVAL DATE, POST WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE QUARTERS.

B. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE STEPS TO LEASE QUARTERS FOR ANY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED. HOUSING IS SHORT AT THIS TIME. ESTIMATED COST FOR OFFICER WITH FAMILY, INCLUDING UTILITIES WOULD BE ABOUT DOLS 18,000 PER YEAR. INITIAL COSTS WOULD BE, DEPENDING ON AGE AND CONDITION OF HOUSE, AROUND DOLS 2,500. FIGURE FOR NCO WOULD DROP, BUT HOW MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER HE HAD AN APARTMENT OR HOUSE. A HOUSE WOULD BE AROUND DOLS 15,000 OR SO, AS COSTS FOR HOUSING UTILITIES ARE OFTEN CONSTANT, REGARDLESS OF FAMILY SIZE. APT. LIVING WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY CHEAPER, BUT STILL AROUND DOLS 12,000 OR SO PER YEAR.

C. CURRENTLY EMBASSY HAS NO EXTRA STOCKS ON HAND OF ANY TYPE FURNITURE OR APPLIANCES.

D. INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SCHOOL OF MOGADISCIO HAS GOOD FACILITIES THROUGH 8TH GRADE. CLASSES ARE SMALL, AND A HIGH DEGREE OF TEACHER ATTENTION TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NEEDS IS THE RULE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SHORTAGES OF FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, VEHICLE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT AT POST, SUGGEST YOU MAY WANT TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO UTILIZATION OF ONE TIME
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AIRLIFT TO MOGADISCIO. CARGOLUX, WHICH FLIES OUT OF LUXENBOURG, WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF ANY CARGO AT FRANKFURT, UTILIZING THEIR OWN TRUCKS, AND WILL MOVE IT TO MOGADISCIO AT AN ESTIMATED RATE OF US DOLS 1.25 PER POUND. POST USED THIS SERVICE IN PAST AND FOUND IT SATISFACTORY.
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